GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Replacement of Overaged Tracks
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have any proposal to ensure targeted investment in the railway sector to lead to technological innovation and capacity-building;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Railways have taken any measures to replace and upgrade overaged tracks and wagons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Ministry of Railways have planned an investment of ` 8.56 lakh crore over next five years covering new infrastructure capacity building and rolling stock as under:
(i) Network Decongestion (including Dedicated Freight Corridor, Electrification, Doubling including electrification and traffic facilities), (ii) Network Expansion (including electrification),(iii) National Projects (North Eastern & Kashmir connectivity projects), (iv) Safety (Track renewal, bridge works, Rail-Over-Bridges, Rail-Under-Bridges and Signalling & Telecom), (v) Information Technology / Research, (vi) Rolling Stock (Locomotives, coaches, wagons production & maintenance), (vii) Passenger Amenities, (viii) High Speed Rail & Elevated corridor, (ix) Station redevelopment and logistic parks and (x) others.
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(c) & (d): Track renewal and overaged wagon replacement is a continuous activity.
Track renewal is to be undertaken as and when a stretch of track becomes due for renewal on age-cum-condition basis i.e. on the basis of traffic carried over the track and physical condition of track. Track structure is being upgraded using 60kg/52kg 90 UTS(Ultimate Tensile Strength) rails with pre stressed concrete sleepers at the time of renewals. For the year 2014-15, against the target of 2200 km track renewal, progress of 2424 km track renewal has been achieved.
Replacement of overaged wagons is also on age −cum-condition basis whereby overaged wagons are inspected, disposed off based on condition and replaced by new wagons. For upgradation of existing wagons, various projects for developing higher axle load wagons and special purpose wagons have been taken up and development of the following wagons has been completed or is in process- 25 tonne open wagons, frameless tank wagon, fly ash wagons, 25 tonne container wagons etc.

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